

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

Katherine Dee Fletcher,

Case No.: 2:24-cv-00577-JAD-BNW

Plaintiff

V.

Gov. Entities,

Defendant

Order Denying Motion to Route Notice of Appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court and Dismissing Unauthorized Direct Appeal

[ECF No. 33]

This case was dismissed and closed based on Plaintiff Katherine Dee Fletcher’s motion for voluntary dismissal.¹ Fletcher filed a notice of appeal “to the USCA,”² and the clerk of this court forwarded that notice to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, which opened an appeal for her.³ In a second notice of appeal, Fletcher states that she “further appeals to the United States Supreme Court,”⁴ and she moves this court to “route” her appeal to the High Court.⁵

13 Rule 18.1 of the Rules of the United States Supreme Court allows a notice of appeal to
14 the United States Supreme Court to be filed in, and processed by, the district court “[w]hen a
15 direct appeal from a decision of a United States district court is authorized by law.”⁶ The rule
16 also requires the appellant to “specify the statute or statutes under which the appeal is taken.”⁷

Fletcher does not specify the authority that permits her to skip the appellate court and

¹ ECF Nos. 25, 26.

2 ECF No. 28

³ ECF No. 29.

⁴ ECF No. 32.

5 ECF No. 33.

6 S.C.R. 18.1.

⁷ *Id.*

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1 take her appeal of this court's decision to grant her motion to voluntarily dismiss her 42 U.S.C.
2 § 1983 case straight to the United States Supreme Court. Only a small handful of matters get
3 that privilege—like challenges to injunctive-relief orders issued by three-judge panels⁸—and
4 Fletcher hasn't shown that her case qualifies. Just as a court may dismiss a cause of action when
5 the claim is “so insubstantial, implausible, foreclosed by prior decisions of this Court, or
6 otherwise completely devoid of merit as not to involve a federal controversy,”⁹ so too ought this
7 court reject a notice of direct appeal to the United States Supreme Court when the law does not
8 permit it.

9 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that **plaintiff's notice of appeal to the United States**
10 **Supreme Court [ECF No. 32] is DISMISSED**, and her motion to route the appeal to the High
11 **Court [ECF No. 33] is DENIED**.

12 Dated: August 22, 2024

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14 U.S. District Judge Jennifer A. Dorsey

23⁸ 28 U.S.C. § 1253.

⁹ *Steel Co. v. Citizens for a Better Env't*, 523 U.S. 83, 89 (1998).